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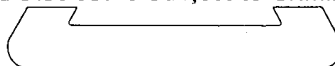
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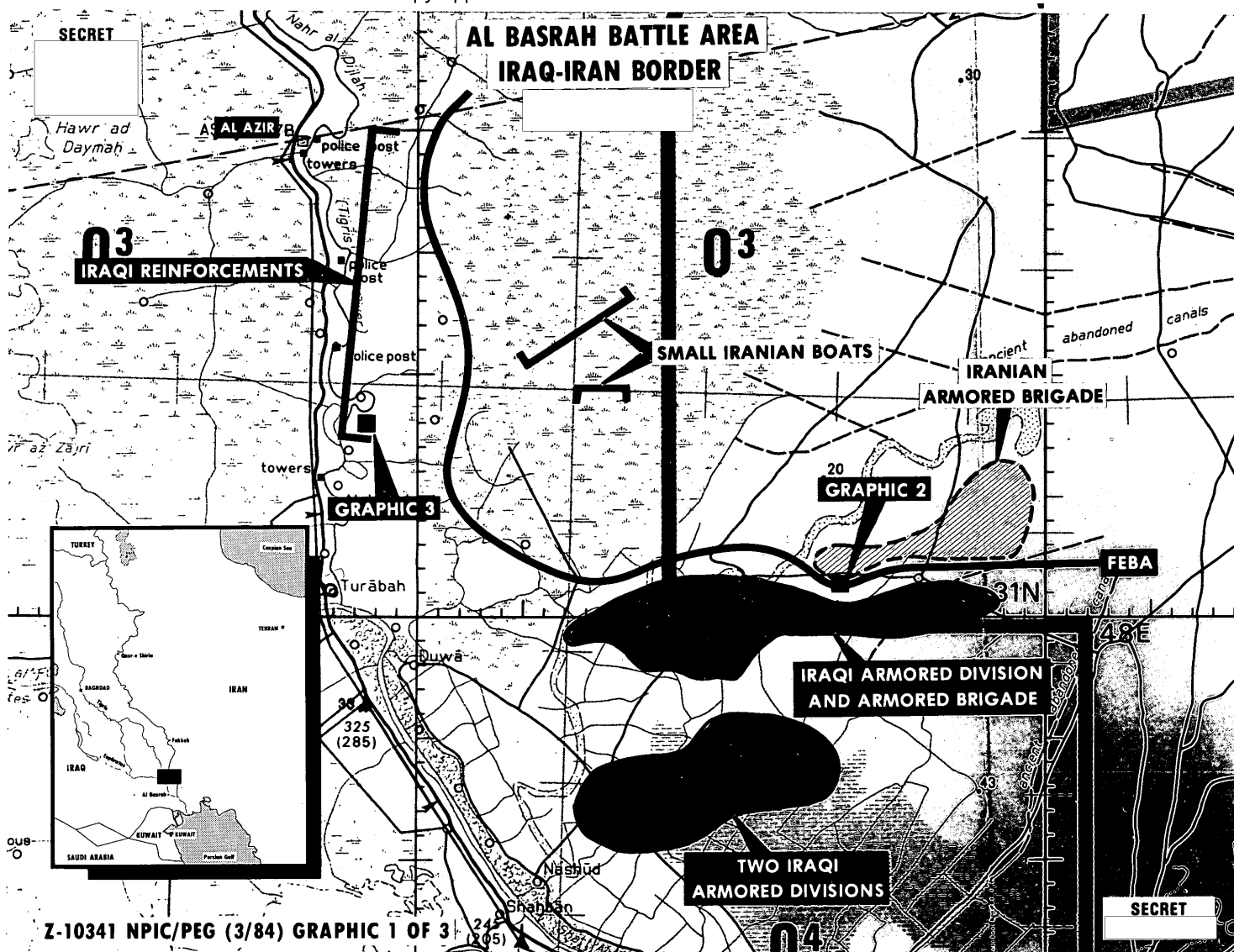
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AL BASRAH BATTLE AREA
IRAC-IRAN BORDER

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1. SIGNIFICANCE: HEAVY FIGHTING CONTINUES NORTH OF AL BASRAH.
(SWN)

2. REMARKS: ELEMENTS OF AN IRANIAN ARMORED BRIGADE HAVE
REINFORCED POSITIONS IN THE VICINITY OF 31-02N 047-57E [REDACTED] 25X1
[REDACTED] APPROXIMATELY 130 ARMORED VEHICLES ARE NOW 25X1
DEPLOYED IN DEFENSIVE POSITIONS. FIGHTING IS IN PROGRESS WEST
OF HERE. IRANIAN INFANTRY SUPPORTED BY AT LEAST TWO TANK
COMPANIES HAS ADVANCED TO THE WEST, APPROXIMATELY 2 NM BEYOND
THE PREVIOUS FORWARD-EDGE-OF-THE-BATTLE-AREA (FEBA) TO A
NORTH-SOUTH CANAL IN THE VICINITY OF 31-02N 047-49E (GRAPHIC
1). THE IRANIAN ADVANCE HAS OCCURRED [REDACTED] UNITS 25X1
FROM THIS FORCE HAVE CROSSED THE NORTH END OF THE CANAL AND ARE
ENGAGED IN HEAVY FIGHTING WITH ELEMENTS OF THE IRAQI ARMORED
BRIGADE DEPLOYED IN THE AREA (GRAPHIC 2). OTHER ELEMENTS OF
THIS BRIGADE ARE DEFENDING THE LEVEE BORDERING THE MARSH NORTH
OF HERE. AT LEAST 150 IRAQI PERSONNEL ARE IN A COLUMN HEADING
TOWARD THE LEVEE, PROBABLY TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL DEFENSE
AGAINST AN IRANIAN ATTACK FROM THE MARSH. THIS BRIGADE IS PART
OF AN IRAQI FORCE CONSISTING OF AN ARMORED DIVISION AND AN
ARMORED BRIGADE WHICH IS DEFENDING THE AREA GENERALLY FROM
30-59N 047-35E TO 30-59N 047-58E. (SWN)

EXTENSIVE REINFORCEMENT IS EVIDENT IN THE IRAQI REAR AREAS.
ELEMENTS OF AT LEAST TWO ARMORED DIVISIONS ARE BEING HELD IN
RESERVE. ONE DIVISION IS NEAR 30-52N 047-41E AND THE OTHER IS
NEAR 30-54N 047-45E (GRAPHIC 1). IN ADDITION, AT LEAST ONE
FITTER AIRCRAFT IS IN FLIGHT IN IRAQI AIRSPACE AND IS HEADING
TOWARD THE FIGHTING. (SWN)

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IN SUPPORT OF HOSTILITIES IN THE VICINITY OF 31-02N 047-37E, IRANIAN TROOPS ARE BEING OFFLOADED FROM SMALL POWER BOATS IN THE VICINITY OF 31-11N 047-35E AND 31-13N 047-38E (GRAPHIC 1) AND ARE MOVING SOUTH ALONG ROADWAYS TOWARDS THE FIGHTING. AT LEAST 20 SMALL IRANIAN POWER BOATS ARE IN THE MARSH BETWEEN 31-10N 047-42E AND 31-10N 047-40E HEADING WEST TOWARDS THE BATTLE AREA. AN ADDITIONAL 18 BOATS (14 HEADED TOWARD AND FOUR AWAY FROM THE BATTLE AREA) ARE MOVING THROUGH THE MARSH BETWEEN 31-14N 047-41E AND 31-11N 047-35E. AT LEAST 80 TRUCKS/VEHICLES ARE IN THE IRANIAN-HELD AREAS NORTH OF THE BATTLE AREA. (SWN)

NO HOSTILITIES ARE OBSERVED IN THE IRAQI-HELD AREA EAST AND SOUTH OF AL AZIR, WHICH HAS BEEN REINFORCED WITH ELEMENTS OF TWO MECHANIZED INFANTRY BATTALIONS, ONE TANK BATTALION, AND AN ARTILLERY REGIMENT. TWO MECHANIZED COMPANIES AND ONE TANK COMPANY ARE ALONG THE LEVEE AT 31-21N 047-39E, AND ONE MECHANIZED BATTALION IS ALONG THE LEVEE AT 31-19N 047-29E. THESE UNITS HAVE ARRIVED [REDACTED] TWO TANK COMPANIES (ONE SHOWN ON GRAPHIC 3) ARE ALONG THE LEVEE AT 31-08N 047-28E AND HAVE ARRIVED [REDACTED] THE ARTILLERY REGIMENT IS DEPLOYED IN BATTALION-SIZE GROUPS AT 31-14N 047-26E, 31-13N 047-26E, AND 31-10N 047-26E. THE TANK BATTALION IN THE VICINITY OF 31-19N 047-28E AND THE TWO ARTILLERY BATTALIONS IN THE VICINITY OF 31-21N 047-26E [REDACTED] RESPECTIVELY ARE STILL PRESENT. A LARGE INCREASE IN SUPPLY AND LOGISTICS ACTIVITY HAS OCCURRED IN THE AREA [REDACTED] (SWN)

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